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Chapter I—Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Department of Transportation

[Docket No. HM-38; Amdt. No. 179-5]

PART 179—SPECIFICATIONS FOR TANK CARS

Interlocking Couplers

On September 9, 1970, the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board published Docket No. HM-38; Amendment No. 179-4 (35 F.R. 14216) prescribing, among other things, that all tank cars built after November 30, 1970, must be equipped with interlocking automatic couplers that will resist car telescoping and jacking in derailments and emergency stops, and that are approved by the Federal Railroad Administrator.

The purpose of this amendment to the Hazardous Materials Regulations is to specify those couplers which have thus far been approved. The date of the requirement for equipping tank cars with approved couplers has been extended to January 1, 1971, in response to petitions for reconsideration.

Since this amendment imposes no added burden on any person, public notice and procedure thereon are unnecessary, and the amendment may be made effective in less than 30 days. In consideration of the foregoing, section 179.14 is amended as follows:

§ 179.14 Tank car couplers.

All tank cars built after January 1, 1971, must be equipped with interlocking automatic couplers that will resist car telescoping and jacking in derailments and emergency stops, and that have been approved by the Federal Railroad Administrator. As of November 13, 1970, couplers designated by Association of American Railroads Catalog Nos. F70BHT, F70BHTE, F71BHT, F72BHT, F73HT, F73HTE, F79BHT, and F79BHTE are approved.

This amendment is effective upon publication in the **FEDERAL REGISTER**.

(Secs. 831-835 of Title 18, United States Code, and sec. 9 of the Department of Transportation Act; 49 U.S.C. 1657)

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